

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

RIVKA FEILER, : Civil Action No.:

Plaintiff, :
-against- : **COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE TELEPHONE
CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

CONVERGENT OUTSOURCING, INC., :
Defendants.

Plaintiff, RIVKA FEILER ("Plaintiffs"), by and through her attorneys, M. Harvey Rephen & Associates, P.C., as and for its Complaint against the Defendant, CONVERGENT OUTSOURCING, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant(s)"), respectfully sets forth, complains and alleges, upon information and belief, the following:

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiff brings this action on her own behalf for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief arising from the Defendant's violation(s) under Title 47 of the United States Code, §227 commonly known as the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

2. Defendants are subject to, and required to abide by, the laws of the United States and the State of New Jersey, which include the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, 47 U.S.C. §227, et seq. ("TCPA") and its related regulations, including 47

C.F.R. §64.1200 ("TCPA Regulations"), as well as the opinions, regulations and orders issued by the Federal Communications Commission to implement and enforce the TCPA, the telemarketing regulations issued by the Federal Trade Commission, 16 C.F.R. §310.4(d)(2).

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff RIVKA FEILER is a resident of the State of New Jersey, residing at 220 Fifth Street, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701.

4. Defendant, CONVERGENT OUTSOURCING, INC. is a corporation engaged in the business of debt collection with a main office located at 800 SE 39th Street, Renton, Washington 98057-9004.

5. Plaintiff is "consumer" as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA under 15 USC §1692a(3).

6. The Defendant is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA under 15 USC §1692a (6).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 USC §1331, as well as 47 USC §227 et seq. and 28 U.S.C. §2201. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1337(a).

8. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

ALLEGATIONS FOR CLASS ACTION

9. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action, pursuant to Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure ("FRCP") Rule 23, on behalf of herself and all persons/consumers, along with their successors-in-interest, who have received similar debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendant which, as alleged herein, are in violation of the TCPA, as of the date of Plaintiff's Complaint (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class is Defendant herein, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity related to or affiliated with the Defendant, including, without limitation, persons who are officers, directors, employees, associates or partners of Defendant.. Upon information and belief, hundreds of persons have received debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendant, which violate various provisions of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA").

10. This Class satisfies all the requirements of FRCP Rule 23 for maintaining a class action.

11. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Upon information and belief, hundreds of persons have received debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendant, which violate various provisions of the TCPA..

12. The debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendant, received by the Class, are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer".

13. There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation: (i) Whether Defendant

violated various provisions of the TCPA; (ii) Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant's conduct; (c) Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendant's wrongdoing and, if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and, (iv) Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.

14. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class, and Plaintiff has no interests adverse or antagonistic to the interests of other members of the Class.

15. A class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted, this being specifically envisioned by Congress as a principal means of enforcing the TCPA, as codified by 15 U.S.C. § 227..

16. The members of the Class are generally unsophisticated individuals, whose rights will not be vindicated in the absence of a class action.

17. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications resulting in the establishment of inconsistent or varying standards for the parties.

18. A class action will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment also will permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein.

19. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the Class members' interests, in that the Plaintiff's counsel is experienced and, further, anticipates no impediments in the pursuit and maintenance of the class action as sought herein.

20. Absent a class action, the Class members will continue to suffer losses borne from Defendant's breaches of their statutorily protected rights as well as monetary damages, thus allowing and enabling: (a) Defendant's conduct to proceed and; (b) Defendant to further enjoy the benefit of its ill-gotten gains.

21. Defendant has acted, and will act, on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate a final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

22. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "21" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.

23. On or about January 1, 2016, Defendant commenced communicating with Plaintiff by means of telephone calls to Plaintiff's mobile telephone number 732 367 8587.

24. Caller identification on Plaintiff's telephone revealed that Defendant's calls originated from number 201-706-7409.

25. On January 7, 2016, Plaintiff placed a telephone call to the aforementioned telephone number and was connected to an agent of Defendant who identified himself as "Sam."